

Docket No.: 50023-163



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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Akio KOJIMA, et al. : Confirmation Number: Not Yet Assigned  
Application No.: 10/050,175 : Group Art Unit: 2173  
Filed: January 18, 2002 : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

**STATUS INQUIRY**

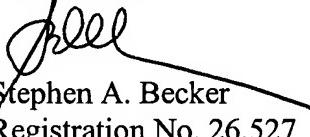
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on January 18, 2002. Since more than three years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before May 5, 2002 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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